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REF: A. STATE 113885. B. LTR TO MR. TODD DTD 19 MAR 75.
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1. APPRECIATE YOUR FORTHCOMING RESPONSE IN REGARD TO MY SUGGESTED PROGRAM REVIEW FOR MUSLO. HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT THE EFFORT YOU PROPOSE IS SOMEWHAT MORE INTENSIVE THAN IS WARRANTED AND POSSIBLY NOT IN EXACT FOCUS AS DISCUSSED WITH MR. TAYLOR DURING HIS VISIT.

2. SINCE THE NATURE OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS CHANGED SO BROADLY HERE IN MOROCCO, I FELT IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH SOME "BENCH MARKS" EARLY IN THE PROGRAM WHEREBY SOME REAL AND MEANINGFUL EVALUATION COULD BE MADE AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. FURTHER, DUE TO THE IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF PRESENT MUSLO CHIEF, I THOUGHT IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO USE THE OVERLAP PERIOD BETWEEN HIM AND HIS SUCCESSOR AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE AND RECORD THESE "BENCH MARKS". CONSEQUENTLY, THE SUGGESTED TIME-FRAME FOR THAT PROGRAM REVIEW WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE INTENDED TO COINCIDE WITH THAT OVERLAPING.

3. DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY FOR MUSLO WILL BE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH. PRESENT SCHEDULE
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INCLUDES A VISIT BY MAJOR GENERAL HOEFLING JUNE 1 THRU 4,

ARRIVAL OF INCOMING MUSLO CHIEF JUNE 15, ARRIVAL OF AN 8-MAN TRAINING SURVEY TEAM ON JUNE 24, ARRIVAL OF THE INCOMING CHIEF, ARMY SECTION, ON JUNE 25, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF VISITS BY SALES REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS COMMERCIAL FIRMS. I AM DISINCLINED, THEREFORE, TO IMPOSE MORE DEMANDS ON THE SMALL MUSLO STAFF SUCH AS RESPONDING TO AN INSPECTION TEAM THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

4. PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME IS THAT OUTGOING, OUTSTANDING MUSLO CHIEF COLONEL SANDERS HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY FORTHCOMING IN ADJUSTING SEVERAL TIMES HIS DEPARTURE SCHEDULE BUT IS NOW SEVERELY PRESSED FOR TIME AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO BURDEN HIM FURTHER. HOWEVER, HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO NEW MUSLO CHIEF TO HAVE TO TAKE ON AN INSPECTION AT THE VERY TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL. SANDERS THEREFORE FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE (SANDERS) MUST BE HERE DURING INSPECTION TEAM'S VISIT.

5. I REMAIN VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN HAVING REPRESENTATION FROM YOUR OFFICE DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE, I.E., JUNE 15 - 21, AND I WOULD PROPOSE THAT YOU PLAN THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR PERSONNEL ON JUNE 12 OR 13 AND HAVE THEM REMAIN THROUGH JUNE 22. I BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE COMPLETELY ADEQUATE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS AS STATED REFTELS AND REF LTRS. YOUR EARLY REPLY WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL FACILITATE MUSLO'S PREPARATION FOR TEAM'S VISIT.
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